



Evaluation of Clinical Care Path for Breastfeeding: Provider

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Name (optional): _____ Degree(s): _____

Specialty: _____ Type of practice: _____

Please rate the Clinical Care Path for Breastfeeding: (Circle your response.)	Strongly Disagree 1	Slightly Disagree 2	Neutral 3	Slightly Agree 4	Strongly Agree 5	N/A
1. The Care Path was written in a professional manner.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
2. The Care Path was comprehensive for the time frame addressed.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
3. The Care Path helped me formulate questions to ask in the prenatal period.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
4. The Care Path helped me formulate questions to ask in the peripartum period.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
5. The Care Path helped me formulate questions to ask in the postpartum period.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
6. The Care Path helped to identify breastfeeding issues related to culture .	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
7. The Care Path helped to identify communication barriers .	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
8. The Care Path enhanced my organization of breastfeeding care .	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
9. The Care Path helped to identify breastfeeding issues that should be documented .	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
10. The Care Path helped to identify breastfeeding concerns that warrant referral .	1	2	3	4	5	N/A

Please rate the Clinical Care Path for Breastfeeding: (Continued) (Circle your response.)	Strongly Disagree 1	Slightly Disagree 2	Neutral 3	Slightly Agree 4	Strongly Agree 5	N/A
11. The Care Path increased communication with colleagues about breastfeeding patients	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
12. There was too much information on the Clinical Care Path for it to be helpful.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
13. I would recommend this Care Path for my colleagues.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
14. The format/size was convenient.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
15. The format was easy to understand.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
16. The Care Path was useful in my clinical practice.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
17. The Care Path saved time.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
18. The Care Path was cost effective.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A

Please comment on ways to improve this Clinical Care Path for Breastfeeding.

Additional comments:

Thank you for completing this survey!

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Dear Health Care Provider,

I am delighted to share with you a "Clinical Care Path for Breastfeeding" developed in conjunction with the Camden Community Demonstration Project, funded by the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Women's Health, National Breastfeeding Awareness Campaign. This three-year Campaign crafted by the Advertising Council will be launched with specific goals of increasing exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months of a baby's life, with a special emphasis on first-time mothers and African American families.

Since the Campaign will encourage more women to consider breastfeeding, the health care community needs to be ready to provide excellent breastfeeding care. This Care Path is designed to help you promote breastfeeding in the prenatal, and postpartum periods, identify concerns that should be flagged and documented for further follow-up, and delineate issues that require additional care, counseling, and/or referral.

The following are suggestions for how to use this Care Path:

Getting Started

The first two sides are mainly for maternal health care providers, and the last two sides are mainly for pediatric health care providers. The first page is also helpful for pediatric providers who perform prenatal visits. Ideally, the questions on the first page should be spaced out among multiple prenatal visits, giving the mother repeated opportunities to ask questions or raise concerns, and giving you multiple opportunities to promote exclusive breastfeeding.

How the Care Path is Organized

Each page of the care path has three columns of information. The first column includes items that should be asked or performed to provide optimal breastfeeding care. The questions provide examples of open-ended questions. Asking questions in this manner provides an opportunity for discovery, validation and delivery of targeted messages related to mothers' concerns and other issues that affect breastfeeding.

The second column includes items that should be documented in the chart, and specifically addressed. For example, if a mother has had difficulty breastfeeding in the past, this should be addressed, and the previous problems should be noted. Communication with other health care providers about these concerns is recommended.

The last (right-hand) column includes a list of concerns that warrant additional care, another follow-up appointment, or referral to a lactation specialist (indicated by an asterisk). These problems should also be documented and there should be a plan for how this problem will be addressed. In addition, this last column, on the last three pages, includes recommendations for routine follow-up visits, and a reminder that additional problem oriented visits may be scheduled.

It may be most useful to work down each column, as opposed to working horizontally. For prenatal providers, the questions in the left-hand column do not need to be asked all in one visit. Mothers respond better to small pieces of information and guidance throughout the prenatal period. One or two questions can be addressed at each of the prenatal visits.

Thank you for allowing us to provide you with this Care Path and helping to make the National Breastfeeding Awareness Campaign the most successful it can be.

Sincerely,

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